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REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the careful review of the application as set forth in the outstanding office action. Reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Objection to Claim 42

The objection to Claim 42 has been addressed in the manner suggested by the Examiner.

Obviousness-type Double Patenting

Claims 1-5, 7, 21-25 and 42 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims of US. 6,585,347. This ground of rejection is mooted by the terminal disclaimer submitted herewith.

Claims Rejections - 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 18-20, 27-32, 35, 43-47 and 50 stand rejected as being unpatentable over Anderson et al. ("Anderson"), U.S. 5,534,897.

The rejection of Claims 18-20 and 27-32 is mooted by cancellation of these claims without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Reconsideration of the rejection of Claims 43-37 and 50 is respectfully requested. These claims depend from Claim 42, which stands rejected only on the obviousness-type double patenting ground. Since the rejection of Claim 42 has been mooted by the terminal disclaimer, the rejection of Claims 43-47 and 50 should be withdrawn, since these claims depend from allowable Claim 42.

Withdrawal of the rejection under Section 103 is respectfully requested.

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CONCLUSION

The outstanding objection and rejections have been addressed, and the application is in condition for allowance. Such favorable reconsideration is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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